

Appl. No. 10/650,210
Reply to Office Action of September 15, 2005

REMARKS

In the September 15, 2005 Office Action, claims 1-16 were rejected and claims 17-20 were allowed. This Response amends claim 17 to correct its dependency, and cancels claims 1-16 in the spirit of compact prosecution and without prejudice or disclaimer. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 17-20 (4 total claims; 1 independent claim) remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-9, 11-14, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Irie et al., USPN 6,375,436 (hereinafter "Irie") in view of Mohrmann et al., USPN 6,543,243 (hereinafter "Mohrmann"), and further in view of Feliz, USPN 3,789,618 (hereinafter "Feliz"). Claims 10 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Irie in view of Mohrmann and Feliz, and further in view of Ieda et al., USPN 6,675,597 (hereinafter "Ieda"). The cancellation of claims 1-16 renders these rejections moot. Applicant has canceled claims 1-16 in an effort to expedite prosecution and allowance of claims 17-20. Applicant reserves the opportunity to traverse the above rejections in a continuation application.

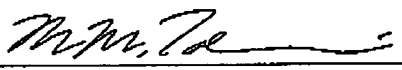
In conclusion, all claims now presently in the application (claims 17-20) are allowable and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at (480) 385-5060.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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